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In the Application of Björn Liedtke et al

Ser.No.: 10/018,144

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A DATA CARRIER

Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: Sue A. Purvis

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to January 26, 2004 (Monday).

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an amendment in response to an Office Action.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, a check for \$110.00 is enclosed. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,

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